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RAYMOND GAGNON PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Lev J. Kubiak, Special Agent in Charge, Office of the Special Agent in Charge, Buffalo, New York Field Division of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Investigation, announce that Raymond Gagnon has pled guilty to receiving child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2).

Mr. Gagnon, a resident of Plattsburgh, New York, was initially charged on June 2, 2009, in a two-count Indictment. The indictment charged Mr. Gagnon with receipt of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2) and possession of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B). Mr. Gagnon's plea of guilty to Count 1 subjects him to the following penalties:

1. Maximum Term of Imprisonment: Twenty (20) years.
2. Mandatory Minimum Term of Imprisonment: Five (5) years.
3. Supervised Release: Not less than five (5) years, and up to life, to begin at the expiration of any term of imprisonment imposed upon him.
4. Maximum Fine: \$250,000.00.
5. Mandatory Restitution: Pursuant to the Mandatory Victim Restitution Act, the sentencing Court must order that the Defendant pay restitution to any victim of the offense of conviction.
6. Required Registration for Sex Offenders: The Defendant, as a result of his conviction in this case, must register as a sex offender, and keep the registration current, in each jurisdiction where the Defendant resides, where the Defendant is an employee, and where the Defendant is a student.

Count 2 of the indictment will be dismissed at the time of sentencing. The case is currently pending before the Hon. Gary L. Sharpe, United States District Judge in Albany. Judge Sharpe has scheduled sentencing for June 28, 2010. Judge Sharpe ordered that Mr. Gagnon remain on bail until March 8, 2010, at which time Mr. Gagnon must surrender to the United States Marshals. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner.

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